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- Terminal Disclaimer (2 pages)
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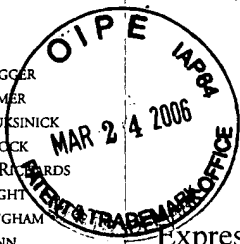
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### TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "B" AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "B" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

— Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and

\_\_\_\_ A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

\_\_\_\_ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

\_\_\_\_ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_-Month Extension of Time; and

\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for the extension of time.

X Terminal Disclaimer

X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$130 for submission of the Terminal Disclaimer.

X A Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

X No other fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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